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the group consisting of individual fibers, woven fibers, fabric, knits, and fleece, and wherein said inner layer (2) is impregnated with coloring and/or flavoring agents.

*RB* 8 3. [Amended] The barrier casing according to claim 1, wherein [it] ~~the casing~~ *the impermeable plastic foil* comprises a shrink foil which shrinks in a temperature range of about 70° C to about 90° C.

*RC* 5. [Amended] The barrier casing according to claim 1, wherein the inner side of the impermeable foil (1) comprises a layer (1c) adjacent to the inner layer (2), and the inner layer (2) is joined with the adjacent layer (1c) of the casing by an adhesive.

7. [Amended] The barrier casing according to claim 1, wherein on [its] an outer side of the casing, the casing (1) comprises at least one tight plastic foil (1a) joined together so as to be flat, the plastic foil being selected from the group consisting of polyethylene foil and polyamide foil.

*RS* 8. [Amended] The barrier casing according to claim 1, wherein the [casing] impermeable foil (1) comprises two polyethylene foils (1a, 1c) and a polyamide foil (1b) between them, wherein the inner side of the impermeable foil (1) comprises a polyethylene foil (1c) [allocated to the inner side of the casing is] extruded on wet and functions as an adhesive for the absorbent inner layer (2) subsequently applied.

*55* B 9. [Amended] The barrier casing according to claim 1, wherein [it] ~~the casing~~ *the impermeable plastic foil* has the shape of a bag (5) and an excess length (6) at [its] an open end of the bag, said excess length being made without an absorbent inner layer and [comprising] comprising a heat-sealable plastic foil.

10. [Amended] The barrier casing according to claim 1, wherein the foodstuffs are selected from the group consisting of cooking sausages [to be cooked or simmered], simmering sausages, ham, pickled products, and soft cheeses.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are presently pending in the application.

In response to the Examiner's objections to the abstract, specification and claims, the minor formalities therein have been corrected as suggested, and the specification has been amended at the top of page 4 to conform to claim 3. In addition, other informalities noted during review of the application have been corrected. No new matter has been added by these amendments, and entry is respectfully requested.

In response to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 112,